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EARTH. FIRE. WIND. WATER. HEART.
WITH THEIR POWERS COMBINED, THEY SUMMON
EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPION: CAPTAIN PLANET.
BUT THESE PLANETEERS NEED TO LEARN TO TRUST EACH OTHER FIRST.

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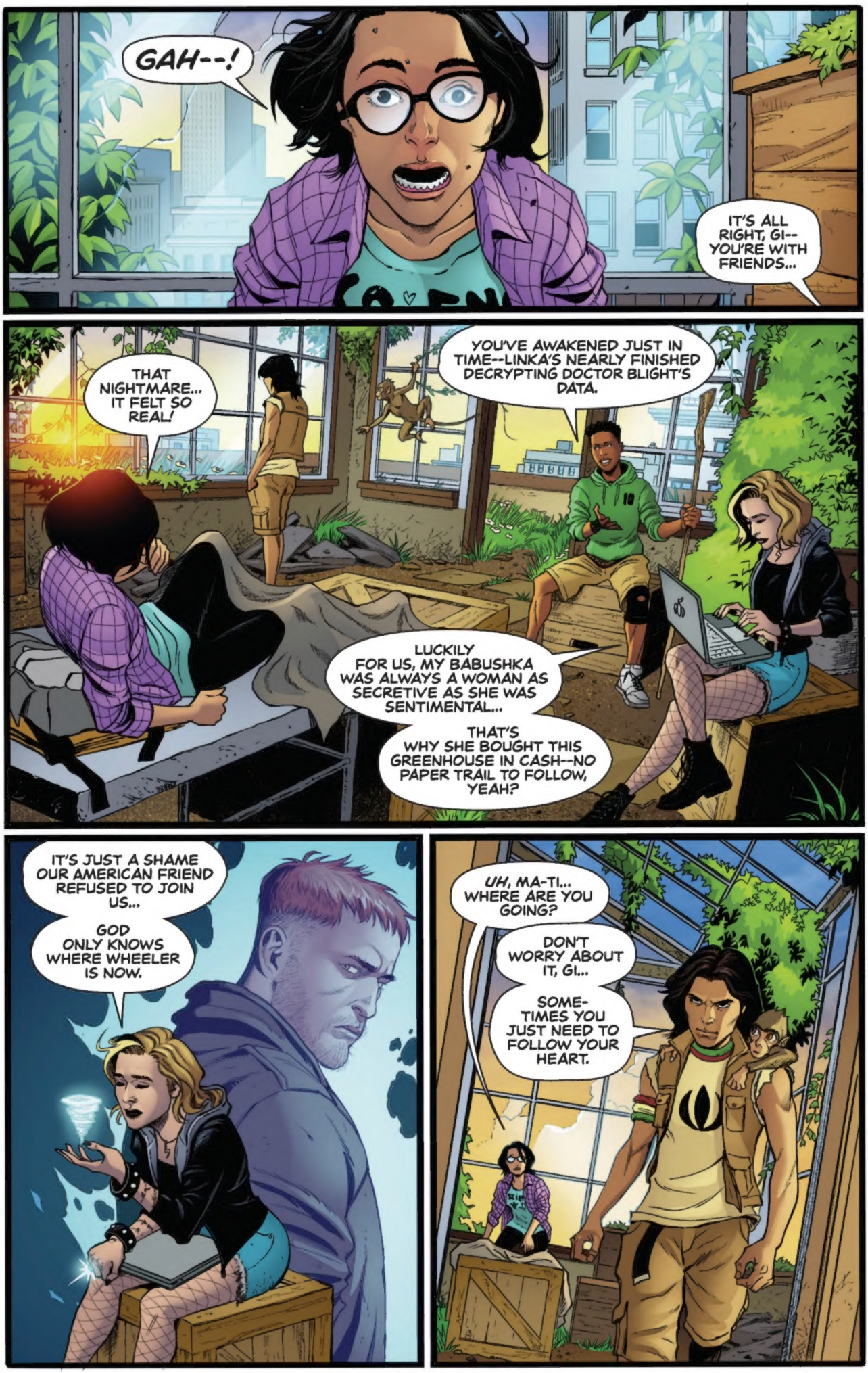
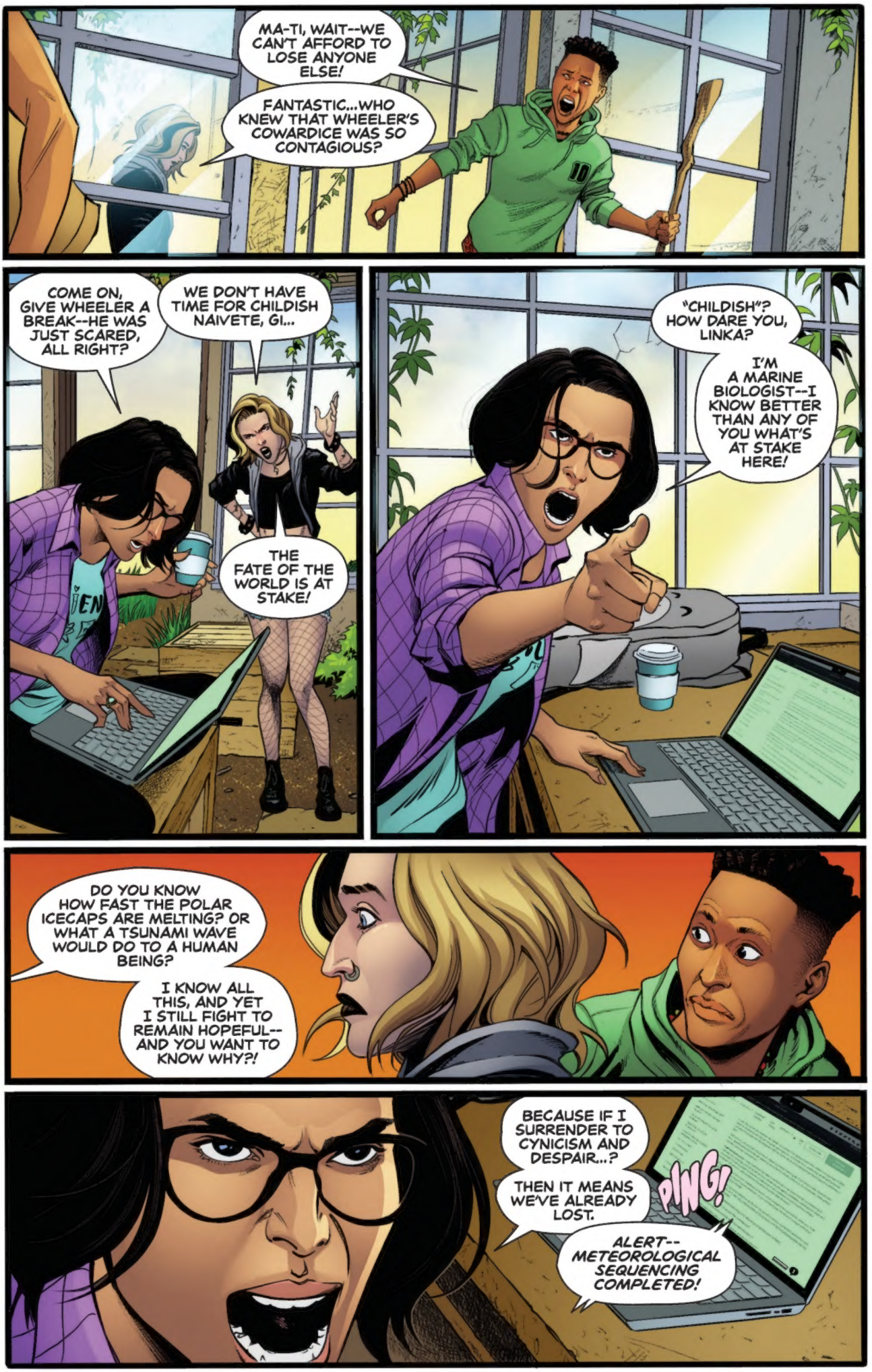
EVERYBODY TAKE COVER!
KRAKATHOOM!
PLEASE-- THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...
THERE STILL HAS TO BE TIME LEFT...
NO--!
THOOOM!
RMBBBBBB
DEAR LORD-- T-THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
THAT'S A TSUNAMI INCOMING!

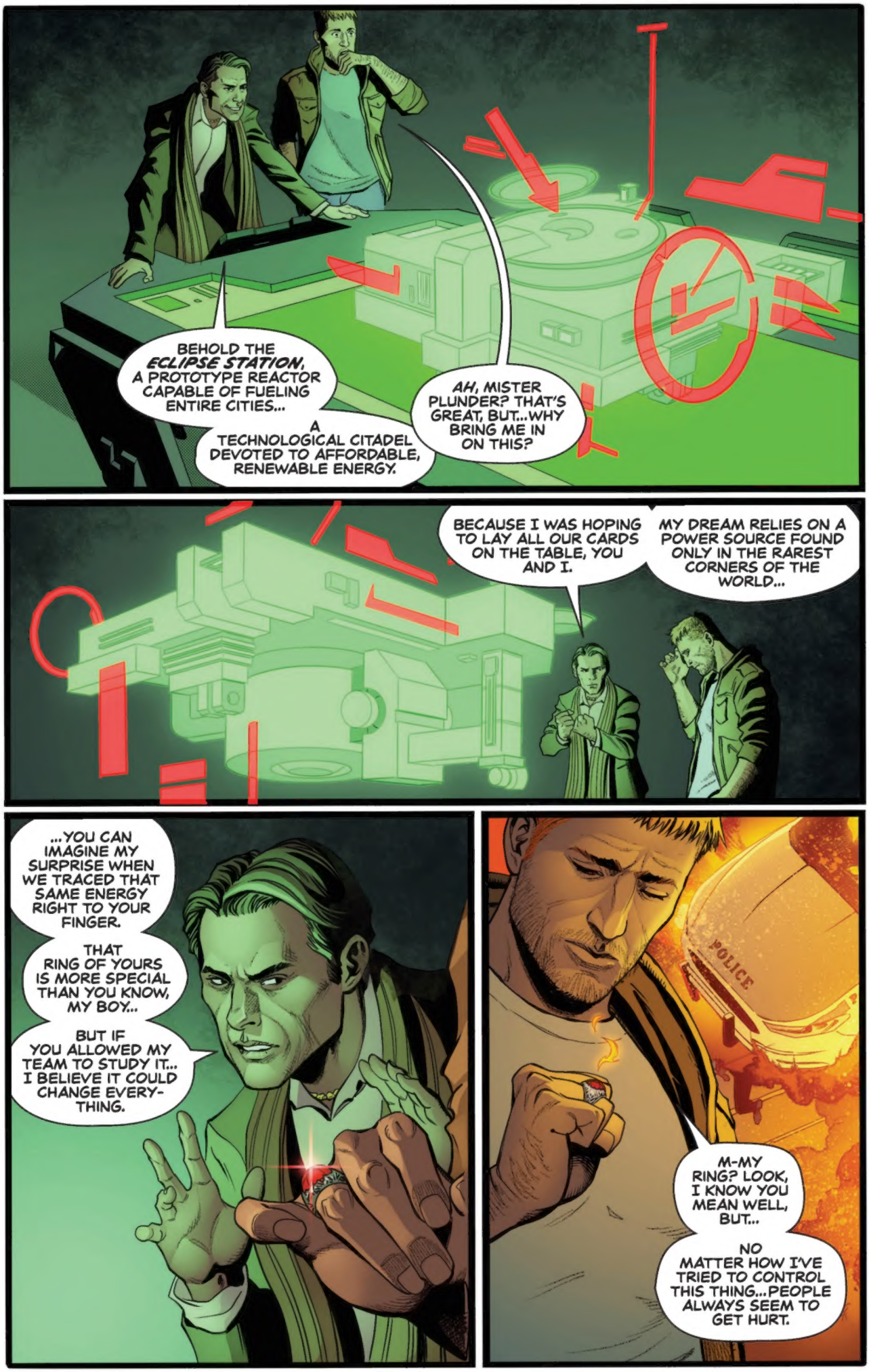
NO NO NO--MY RING...
WHY ISN'T MY RING WORKING?!
YOU NEED TO HURRY, GI...
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
YOU MUST FIND GAIA, BEFORE OUR WORLD IS LOST...
THE POWER IS YOURS.


GAH--!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, GI--YOU'RE WITH FRIENDS...
THAT NIGHTMARE... IT FELT SO REAL!
YOU'VE AWAKENED JUST IN TIME--LINKA'S NEARLY FINISHED DECRYPTING DOCTOR BLIGHT'S DATA.
LUCKILY FOR US, MY BABUSHKA WAS ALWAYS A WOMAN AS SECRETIVE AS SHE WAS SENTIMENTAL...
THAT'S WHY SHE BOUGHT THIS GREENHOUSE IN CASH--NO PAPER TRAIL TO FOLLOW, YEAH?
IT'S JUST A SHAME OUR AMERICAN FRIEND REFUSED TO JOIN US...
GOD ONLY KNOWS WHERE WHEELER IS NOW.
UH, MA-TI... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, GI...
SOME-TIMES YOU JUST NEED TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART.


MA-TI, WAIT--WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ANYONE ELSE!
FANTASTIC...WHO KNEW THAT WHEELER'S COWARDICE WAS SO CONTAGIOUS?
COME ON, GIVE WHEELER A BREAK--HE WAS JUST SCARED, ALL RIGHT?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR CHILDISH NAIVETE, GI...
THE FATE OF THE WORLD IS AT STAKE!
"CHILDISH"? HOW DARE YOU, LINKA?
I'M A MARINE BIOLOGIST--I KNOW BETTER THAN ANY OF YOU WHAT'S AT STAKE HERE!
DO YOU KNOW HOW FAST THE POLAR ICECAPS ARE MELTING? OR WHAT A TSUNAMI WAVE WOULD DO TO A HUMAN BEING?
I KNOW ALL THIS, AND YET I STILL FIGHT TO REMAIN HOPEFUL--AND YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY?!
BECAUSE IF I SURRENDER TO CYNICISM AND DESPAIR...?
THEN IT MEANS WE'VE ALREADY LOST.
PING!
ALERT--METEOROLOGICAL SEQUENCING COMPLETED!

GI--IS THAT...?
YES-- WE'VE GOT A HIT!
I'M TRACKING DIVERGENT WEATHER PATTERNS ACROSS THE CITY NOW...
"THERE'S SOME STRANGE READINGS COMING FROM AN INDUSTRIAL PLANT NEAR ROOSEVELT ISLAND..."
"IF I WERE TO TAKE MY BEST GUESS...I'D BET GAIA IS AT THE HEART OF IT."
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN TELL US ABOUT THE STATION, GI...?
BOZHE MOI, I RECOGNIZE THAT COMPANY--WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR HEAVY SECURITY...

"BECAUSE THAT FACILITY IS OWNED BY A BILLIONAIRE NAMED LUCIAN PLUNDER."
TELL ME, WHEELER... YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE?
WHOA...
IT'S SELF-DRIVING, ZERO EMISSIONS, COMPLETELY FUELED BY SOLAR ENERGY...
THE BOYS IN R&D CALL IT THE GEO-CRUISER.
WOW... SURE BEATS FLYING COACH, HUH, MISTER PLUNDER?
SADLY, WE NEVER MANAGED TO ROLL IT OUT TO THE PUBLIC...
THE BEAN COUNTERS SAID IT WASN'T "COST-EFFECTIVE."
YET WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SHOW YOU IS SOMETHING EVEN MORE GAME-CHANGING.
SOME-THING THAT WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE ENERGY INDUSTRY AS WE KNOW IT...
TEK


BEHOLD THE ECLIPSE STATION, A PROTOTYPE REACTOR CAPABLE OF FUELING ENTIRE CITIES...
A TECHNOLOGICAL CITADEL DEVOTED TO AFFORDABLE, RENEWABLE ENERGY.
AH, MISTER PLUNDER? THAT'S GREAT, BUT...WHY BRING ME IN ON THIS?
BECAUSE I WAS HOPING TO LAY ALL OUR CARDS ON THE TABLE, YOU AND I.
MY DREAM RELIES ON A POWER SOURCE FOUND ONLY IN THE RAREST CORNERS OF THE WORLD...
...YOU CAN IMAGINE MY SURPRISE WHEN WE TRACED THAT SAME ENERGY RIGHT TO YOUR FINGER.
THAT RING OF YOURS IS MORE SPECIAL THAN YOU KNOW, MY BOY...
BUT IF YOU ALLOWED MY TEAM TO STUDY IT... I BELIEVE IT COULD CHANGE EVERY-THING.
POLICE
M-MY RING? LOOK, I KNOW YOU MEAN WELL, BUT...
NO MATTER HOW I'VE TRIED TO CONTROL THIS THING...PEOPLE ALWAYS SEEM TO GET HURT.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS COMPLETELY, MY FRIEND...
BUT THE MAN WHO SAVED THOSE LIVES IN DETROIT? THAT'S NOT A MAN RULED BY HIS FEARS.
TOGETHER, WE COULD BRING ABOUT A NEW AGE OF UNTOLD PROSPERITY...
BECAUSE THE MEASURE OF A TRULY GREAT MAN...?
IT'S THE ONE WHO SHARES HIS GIFTS WITH ALL OF HUMANITY.
...
THEN WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR, MISTER PLUNDER...?
LET'S SAVE THE DAMN WORLD ALREADY.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH IT MEANS FOR YOU TO SAY THAT, WHEELER...
I PROMISE YOU...YOU'VE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.

NOW PLEASE, MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE IN OUR GUEST QUARTERS...
I'LL RETURN THE RING TO YOU AS SOON AS MY TEAM FINISHES OUR EXAMINATION.
REMEMBER THIS MOMENT, WHEELER--THE FUTURE IS NOW LOOKING BRIGHTER THAN EVER...
...AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU.
AH, COMMANDER BLEAK... JUST THE MAN I WAS LOOKING FOR.
TAKE THIS RING TO THE FABRICATOR SUITE UP IN THE PENT-HOUSE...
...I WANT THE SYNTHETIC DUPLICATES READY BY NIGHTFALL.
"DO YOU EVER WONDER IF IT'S TOO LATE FOR US TO CHANGE, MY FRIEND...?"

PERHAPS YOU'D KNOW BETTER, HAVING WATCHED US OVER MILLENNIA...
BUT I CAN SEE INTO THEIR HEARTS...AND I FEAR WE'RE ALL SLEEP-WALKING TOWARDS EXTINCTION.

HOW CAN WE HOPE TO SURVIVE A WORLD CONSUMED BY SELFISHNESS AND INDIFFERENCE, CAPTAIN?
OR DID WHEELER HAVE IT RIGHT ALL ALONG, AND OUR FIGHT IS SIMPLY TOO BIG TO WIN?

...
WHEN YOU'VE SEEN EVERYTHING I HAVE, YOU TEND TO TAKE THE LONG VIEW OF THINGS.
AND WHEN IT COMES TO HUMANITY...? YOU'VE ALWAYS FOUND NEW WAYS TO SURPRISE ME.

YES, THERE IS GREED AND INJUSTICE IN THIS WORLD...BUT THERE'S ENDLESS LOVE AND BEAUTY, TOO.
BECAUSE WHERE THERE'S LIFE...THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE.

SO IF YOU ASK ME WHETHER PEOPLE CAN CHANGE, MA-TI...?
MAYBE THEY JUST NEED SOMEONE TO HELP SHOW THEM THE WAY.
"IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THE LAST TIME I'VE LAID OUT A PLAY..."

LET US HOPE I HAVEN'T LOST MY TOUCH YET.
WE'LL NEED TO TREAD CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO INFILTRATE ECLIPSE STATION...
VMMM
"ESPECIALLY IF WE WISH TO RESCUE GAIA WITHOUT ATTRACTING UNDUE ATTENTION."
GEO-CRUISER, THIS IS ECLIPSE STATION--YOU ARE CLEARED FOR LANDING.
FORTUNATELY, WE WON'T HAVE TO ENTER THE FACILITY BLINDLY...
NOT WHEN I CAN USE THE POWER OF EARTH TO FORMULATE A MAP FROM SEISMIC WAVES.
"FROM THERE, WE'LL KNOW THE BEST PATH TO EVADE THEIR SECURITY..."
WELCOME BACK, LUCIAN--DID YOU BRING THE PACKAGE?
OF COURSE, MY DEAR DOCTOR BLIGHT...
I HAVE ALL THE PROTOTYPES READY AND OPERATIONAL.
"AND THEN OUR RESCUE MISSION CAN FINALLY BEGIN IN EARNEST."

WHICH BRINGS US TO THE NEXT STAGE OF OUR PLAN...GI?
WE MIGHT BE OUTNUMBERED BY THE GUARDS, BUT WE KNOW WHERE THEY'RE LOOKING, RIGHT?
SO IF THEY'RE KEEPING AN EYE ON THE ROADS LEADING TO THE FACILITY...
"THEN WE'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO MANEUVER AROUND THEM IN A DIFFERENT WAY."
"AND IF WE'RE LUCKY...PLUNDER AND HIS GOONS WILL NEVER EVEN SEE US COMING."
N-NO--I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH TOXIC ENERGY BEFORE..
PLUNDER.. WHAT ON EARTH HAVE YOU DONE?!
AH--I SEE YOU'RE ALREADY APPRECIATING MY HANDIWORK, GAIA...
LET'S JUST SAY THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM TO IMPROVE UPON MOTHER NATURE.
"ONCE WE ENTER ECLIPSE STATION, WE'LL NEED TO PLAY THINGS QUIET..."

"AND LINKA--IF THERE ARE ANY PRYING EYES LEFT TO DEAL WITH...?"
"NOW YOU'RE SPEAKING MY LANGUAGE, KWAME..."
WHAT THE--?!
"I'LL GLADLY TAKE CARE OF ANY POTENTIAL PARTY - CRASHERS."
NNF--!
SPLSSH
WHAT DO YOU THINK, GAIA...? I WAS INSPIRED BY YOUR LITTLE TRINKETS.
BUT THIS TIME, WE USED HEAVY METALS, ISOTOPES, ACIDIC COMPOUNDS, BIO-AGENTS, ADRENAL ENHANCERS...
IN THE END, ALL IT TOOK WAS A CHANGE OF MATERIAL...
WITH MY SYNTHETIC RINGS, I CAN INCREASE YOUR OUTPUT BY FIVE-HUNDRED PERCENT.

"IT'S LIKE I ALWAYS SAID, GAIA--YOUR POWER BELONGS IN HUMANITY'S HANDS..."
RRNNNN
"AND IF YOUR LITTLE PLANETEERS THINK THEY CAN STOP ME...?"
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN! WE MUST FIND GAIA BEFORE IT'S TOO...
KRAANG
OH...
"THEN THEY SHALL SOON DISCOVER WHAT TRUE POWER REALLY IS."
CH-CHAK CH-CHAK
CH-CHAK CH-CHAK
REEEEE
PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO GO FOR THE DIRECT APPROACH.
DA--I CANNOT BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS...

"BUT IF I'M BEING HONEST... I WISH WE STILL HAD WHEELER HERE TO HELP US."
MAN, I DUNNO WHAT'S TAKING MISTER PLUNDER SO LONG...
C'MON, WHEELER, HE'S A BILLIONAIRE TECH-GENIUS...HE EVEN SENT A CAR INTO SPACE ONCE.
HE SAID I COULD TRUST HIM...
SO WHY'S IT FEEL LIKE I JUST MADE A BIG MISTAKE...?
RRNK
MAYBE SO, WHEELER-- BUT YOU WOULDN'T BE THE ONLY ONE...
I'VE COME TO RETRIEVE YOU BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
MA-TI? HOW THE HELL DID YOU FIND ME HERE?!
OH, THAT WAS THE EASY PART...
I SIMPLY ASKED THE BIRDS TO TELL ME.

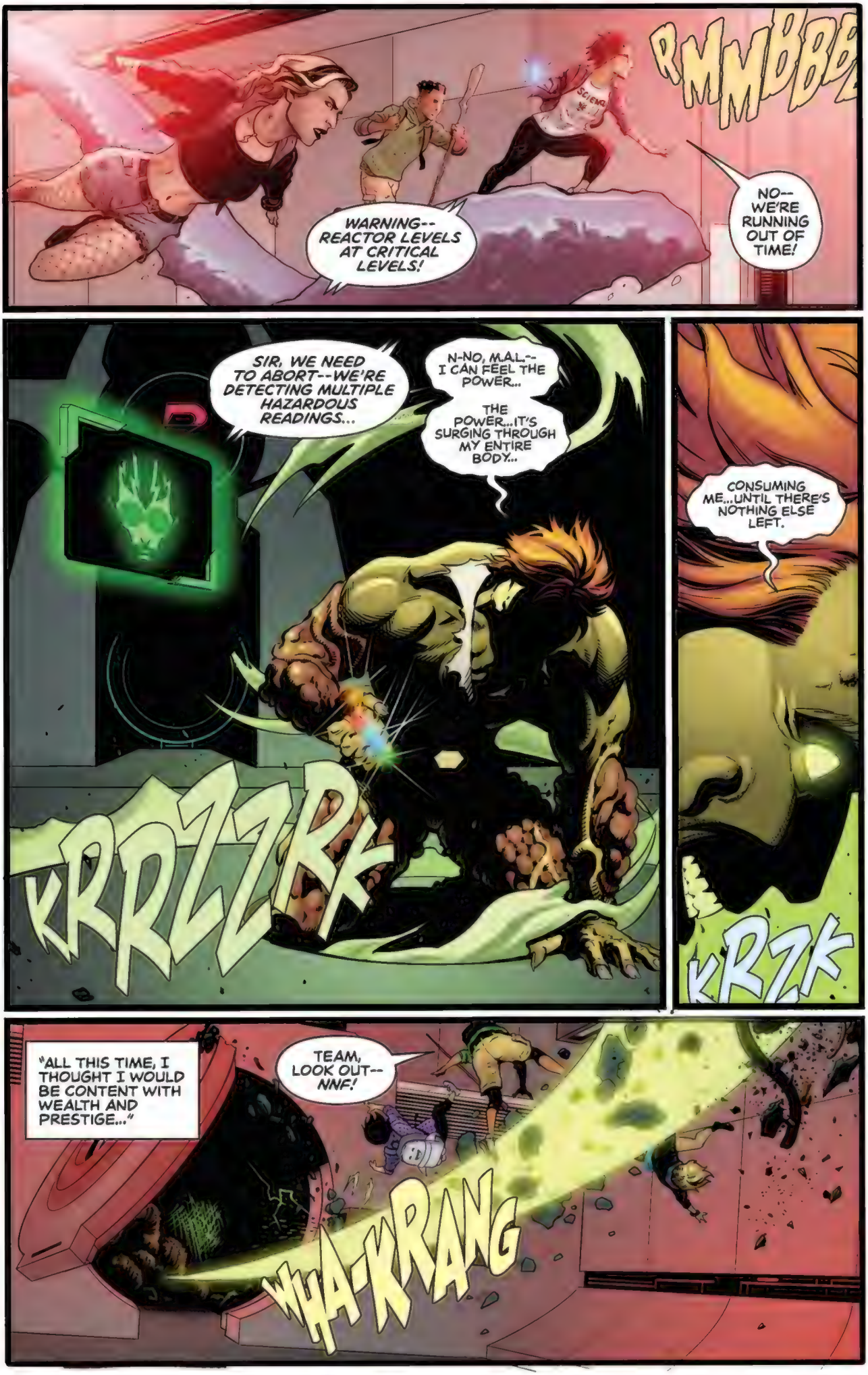
LISTEN, WEIRDO, I ALREADY TOLD YOU--
--I'M NOT LOOKING TO BE A PLANETEER!
YOU'VE ALREADY MADE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT MATTER ABUNDANTLY CLEAR, WHEELER...
...BUT I NEVER IMAGINED YOU'D BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO PART WITH YOUR RING.
SCREW YOU, PAL! YOU GUYS ARE ALL TALK, YOU KNOW THAT?!
YOU PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SEE FOLKS LOSE THEIR JOBS FOR YOUR FANCY GREEN CARS!
OR WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO ACCIDENTALLY BURN DOWN A WHOLE FACTORY WITH THAT GODFORSAKEN RING!
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT'S REAL PEOPLE'S LIVES ON THE LINE, MA-TI?!
MA-TI, PLEASE...WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
HOLD ON--WE'RE NOT ALONE HERE...

"NO...SUCHI'S PICKING UP SOMETHING!"
SKREE!
BRAKA BRAKA BRAKA BRAKA BRAKA
WHEELER... HIT THE DECK!
CLEAN-UP TEAM, THIS IS COMMANDER BLEAK...
LET'S FIND THE KID AND JUST END THIS ALREADY.
"EVERYONE-- WE NEED TO PULL BACK!"

THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM...
WE NEED TO GET TO HIGHER GROUND!
PANG PZOW SPAKK
BELIEVE ME, KWAME...IT'S NOT MUCH BETTER UP HERE!
KRKRKKRK
THEN JUST LEAVE IT TO ME, GI...
BECAUSE ACTIONS ALWAYS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!
THOOOM
YOU LITTLE PUNKS THINK YOU'RE SO SPECIAL, DON'T YOU...?
THEN TRY SHRUGGING OFF THESE SUBSONIC CANNONS!
SHRAKOWw
NYAARGH!

NO, PLEASE--I'M BEGGING YOU...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS.
NNF--- C-CAN'T GET UP...
W-WE FAILED HER... FAILED EVERY-ONE...
HA-- THAT'S JUST IT, GAIA...
TO SEE MY VISION FULFILLED...? I'D SET THE WHOLE WORLD ON FIRE.
M-MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, GI...
BUT WE'RE STILL NOT FINISHED YET!
SHRRRFFT

NYAARGH!
BECAUSE AS LONG AS WE'RE STILL FIGHTING...?
THERE'S STILL HOPE LEFT FOR THE REST OF US.
MORE, M.A.L....
GIVE ME MORE POWER!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WARNING--REACTOR LEVELS AT CRITICAL LEVELS!
NO--WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
SIR, WE NEED TO ABORT--WE'RE DETECTING MULTIPLE HAZARDOUS READINGS...
N-NO, M.A.L.--I CAN FEEL THE POWER...
THE POWER...IT'S SURGING THROUGH MY ENTIRE BODY...
KRRZZRK
CONSUMING ME...UNTIL THERE'S NOTHING ELSE LEFT.
KRZK
"ALL THIS TIME, I THOUGHT I WOULD BE CONTENT WITH WEALTH AND PRESTIGE..."
TEAM, LOOK OUT--NNF!
WHA-KRANG

"BUT I NEVER CONSIDERED WHAT IT MIGHT FEEL LIKE TO BE A GOD."
KRAKADOOM
PEOPLE SAY THAT POWER CORRUPTS...
AND ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY.
BUT IF THIS IS WHAT CORRUPTION FEELS LIKE...THEN I WELCOME IT ENTIRELY.
NO...
ONCE I WAS A CHAMPION OF INDUSTRY...BUT NOW I AM SOMETHING FAR GREATER.
GONE IS THE MORTAL KNOWN AS LUCIAN PLUNDER--AND WITH MY POWERS COMBINED...
I AM CAPTAIN POLLUTION.
NEXT: THE PLANETEERS' LAST STAND!

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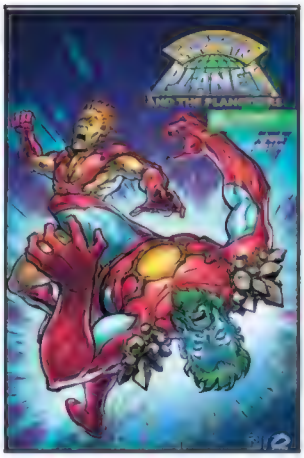

NEXT ISSUE:

THE END IS NIGH!
In this issue: Captain Pollution has seized the day, and things are looking deadly for both the Planeteers and the planet itself! Now, the team must come together one last time and find the strength to summon their most powerful ally for a final showdown against the corrupting force of Lucian Plunder!

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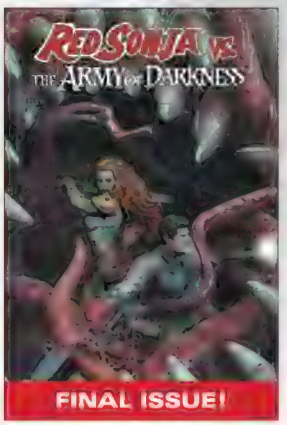

RED SONJA VS THE ARMY OF DARKNESS #5

SPACE GHOST #1

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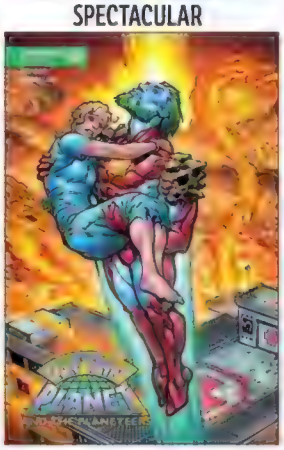
THUNDERCATS / THE POWERPUFF GIRLS #2

SPACE GHOST / JONNY QUEST #4



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TERMINATOR #10

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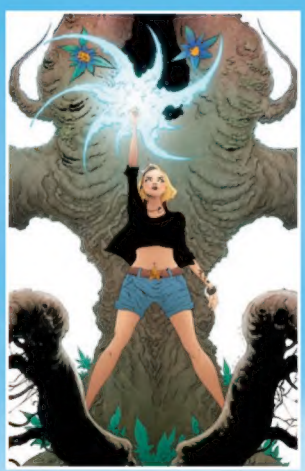

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